













THE MILITIA.

"If we are to redeem North Carolina," says the Radical candidate for Governor, "we should sit at the feet of Brownlow, as Paul sat at the feet of Gamaliel. We can learn a lesson from him, and, having learned, should practice it to the letter." Here we have a distinct declaration from Gov. Holden of the views he entertains and the principles he will carry out should the negroes of the State, with the scalawags and carpet-baggers, secure his election, and under his administration we may expect a repetition in North Carolina of the government of Tennessee under this infamous prototype. We may expect, under his influence, two-thirds of our best citizens to be disfranchised. We may look for the same system of bribery and corruption in all departments of the Government, and the same insecurity of person and property, and for all this anarchy, confusion and corruption, those who have no power to prevent it, not even the poor privilege of entering a protest against these iniquities, must "foot the bill."

As ambitious as Gov. Holden is, and to attain his ignoble purposes he has prostituted every element of his character which ever gave him the least respectability or claimed for him the least consideration, he is a most arrant coward, and the base means he has used to secure political promotion seems to have sunk every particle of honest manhood he ever possessed. To feel secure in his ill-gotten position, should our poor old State be so sadly cursed, he will begin at once to organize his "loyal" militia; for he has frequently referred to Gov. Brownlow's militia in terms of earnest approval. Now, Brownlow's army of organized murderers and robbers cost the State three hundred thousand dollars a year. If this man, then, should be elected Governor, he will of course "practice to the letter" the lesson which this Tennessee Gamaliel (Brownlow) has taught this political Paul (Holden) to persecute the good christian people of this State. In fact, in a late editorial Holden said that when the "blue coats" shall be withdrawn from this State, the State militia, organized on a loyal basis, i. e. black and white, shall take its place.

We desire to call this declaration to the consideration of the impoverished people of North Carolina. THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PER ANNUM to support a loyal (mixed) militia to act as a body guard to W. W. Holden and as whippers-in of the Radical party—an armed mob of prejudiced and paid partisans to do the bidding of bad men—sustained by a direct tax upon the Conservative people of the State amounting, for this single item of State expenses, to FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE than the whole tax levied under the present Revenue laws of the State.

As a matter of dollars and cents, leaving out of view the disgraceful association attempted to be forced upon the whites by mixing them with blacks in the same company, and placing them under the command of negro officers, can our people afford the expense? Without bringing into the calculation for expenses of the State for 1869, the eight hundred and fifty-one thousand dollars which the Legislature is COMMANDED to pay for interest upon our public debt during the next year; leaving out the expenses incurred by the murderers who in assassinating old North Carolina, and nearly a million dollars necessary to bury the corpse and place in its stead the new North Carolina, which adventurers, renegades and negroes have created—the very magnitude of these figures is enough to startle every property owner in the State—are our people in the condition at this time to DOUBLE their taxes, to furnish a cowardly Governor with a body guard and provide the Radical party with an armed mob of desperadoes for their base purposes of persecuting our own people?

Adopt the proposed Constitution and this will be one of the least of the expenses to be provided for; one of the least of the evils to be endured. Yankee malice could plot nothing more certain to ruin our people than the new Constitution. Many of them, such as Abbott and Ashley, and French the Suter, and French the Rowdy, and French the Scallawag, and other illustrious political speculators from the North, spit out their impotent rage at our people; but the polished knavery of Rodman and Heaton devised a more subtle and as sure means of degrading and despoiling the citizens of North Carolina. And if the people are deceived into the trap, vengeance of Yankee peddlars and the cowardice of Confederate deserters, and the aims and purposes of Northern Radical hatred will be appeased, and North Carolina will be RUINED and DISHONORED.

Speaking at Warsaw. Quite a large crowd assembled at Warsaw on the 23d, to listen to the addresses of the Conservative speakers announced to take place. They were addressed by Col. Hall, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, Col. Allen, candidate for Senator, Mr. Stanford, of Duplin, and Maj. Engelhard, of New Hanover. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed and we are prepared to see a large and unanimous white vote polled at that precinct.

After the speaking had concluded, Col. Hall was the recipient of a most beautiful bouquet from one of the fair daughters of Warsaw.

Among such high-toned and honorable issues of this contest, and there is none, Duplin will give a vote of which her people may well be proud.

Conservative Ticket for Roberson County. For the Senate—Col. M. M. McKee. For County Treasurer—Dugald C. McIntyre. For Representative—Col. Neill A. McLean. For Sheriff—Benjamin King. For Coroner—Conrad Godwin. For Superior Court Clerk—John A. Rowland. For Register of Deeds—George A. Smith. For County Treasurer—Dugald C. McIntyre. For County Surveyor—Roderick McMillan. For County Commissioners—James A. Rozeir, Benj. Godwin, James Blount, Thomas A. Norment, John T. Pore.

NEGRO EQUALITY.

The Radicals generally assert most strenuously that the proposed Constitution does not force negro equality upon the people of this State; that neither white nor black Radicals desire any such thing. They declare that there will be separate schools, but they say nothing about separate Universities, and to this point we wish to direct the attention of our readers. The Constitution of 1776, and in this respect unchanged in 1835, contained the following: "Section 41. That a school or schools shall be established by the Legislature, \* \* \* and all useful learning shall be duly encouraged and promoted in one or more Universities." This clause is entirely omitted in the proposed Constitution, which makes no such provision, expresses no such permission to establish additional Universities. It refers only to "the University" already in existence, the one at Chapel Hill, and declares it "shall be held to an inseparable connection with the Free Public School System of the State," and thus, by implication at least, excludes the founding of any other University of North Carolina. It confirms all the old grants to "the University, and thus puts it out of the power of the Legislature to divert this property and these sources of revenue to any other University.

The lands given to the State by Congress for Agricultural School purposes, are also given to the University at Chapel Hill. These clauses, by giving such great preference to the University at Chapel Hill, place it out of the power of the Legislature to build another with equal advantages. It plainly follows, therefore, that the Radicals intended either to allow the negroes to go to Chapel Hill, or they intended to deprive the negro by excluding him from the enjoyment of the right he possesses equally with the white men under the new Constitution, to go to the University, which is nothing more nor less than the highest school in the "Free Public School System." Will the Courts allow him to be defrauded of this right thus guaranteed in the Constitution? A blind man must see that the Constitution does force negro equality in the schools.

They declare, also, that the negroes and whites are to be put into separate commands in the militia; that a negro regiment will be officered by negroes, from corporal to colonel. "But they will be drilled on the same parade ground, and they will fight, if we should come, under the same flag." Let us see if this works out any better than the "separate schools"—our people understand something about the organization of an army. Are the brigades, divisions and corps to be mixed? When they "fight under the same flag" will the white and black columns be separate and independent commands? Is the Governor, the Captain General, the only man who can command men not of his own color? If an army should be raised and the negro corps commander was the second ranking officer, who would command the army in case of the death, sickness or absence of the army commander? By what means could a negro, in that case, be prevented from commanding white men? Suppose that a black and white regiment were drilling on the same parade ground and the negro colonel, being the ranking officer, should give an order to the white colonel, would he not be obliged to obey? The Constitution gives the negro the right to bear arms; to hold a commission in the militia. The gist and life of a commission is the power and command it gives the holder over those below him. The right to the commission is given by the Constitution, an authority paramount to that of the Legislature. There is no restriction in that Constitution saying that negro commissions shall not give power over white men. Can the Legislature, by any means, disavow any man of the full enjoyment of any right guaranteed by the Constitution? If a negro be elected Lieutenant, Captain, Colonel or General in accordance with the forms of law, can the Legislature insert in the commission to which, by the Constitution he has a perfect right, a proviso that he shall have no authority to command white men, or to rank subordinate white officers? If so inserted, will the courts hold it valid? The whole thing is absurd. Under the proposed Constitution it will be utterly impossible for the Legislature to prevent the conflict of the two races, either at school or in the militia, and yet, knowing this impossibility, and with all these consequences staring them in the face, the Convention deliberately, wilfully, knowingly and with malice aforethought, voted down amendments proposed to the Constitution which said in plain, express words, that whites should not be mingled with, or placed under, blacks.

Speaking in Brunswick. According to appointment Col. Cowan and Major ENGELHARDT addressed a large number of citizens of Brunswick, at North-west on the 4th. Col. Cowan's speech, like all the efforts of that talented gentleman, was able, thorough and convincing, and must have a most salutary effect upon his hearers. The people are enthusiastic, and earnestly aroused to the magnitude of the crisis, as they are at every point which we have visited during the campaign. They are determined and will secure victory.

The Coalfield Railroad. We learn from a gentleman who was present, that the Railroad Convention, which assembled in Fayetteville on the 3d instant, agreed upon the Ashboro' route with a terminus and connection with the North Carolina Railroad at High Point, as the route for the Coalfield Railroad. The vote stood 14,000 in favor of High Point as the place of connection, and 2,000 in favor of connecting at Greensboro'. The Wilmington interest was represented by Cols. S. L. Fremont and Peter Mallett. Some stubborn and telling "facts and figures" furnished by the first named gentleman did much towards influencing the action of the Convention. We are pleased at this result—for which the Journal has zealously labored for many months.

Shall MARRIAGE BETWEEN NEGROES and WHITES—amalgamation—be allowed? That is one of the issues.

The Meeting in Smithville—Brunswick. The Conservative white men of Brunswick, in Convention assembled, at Smithville on the 4th, made the following nominations:

For the Senate, Col. John D. Taylor; House of Representatives, D. C. Allen; Sheriff, Rufus Galloway; Treasurer, John H. Theese; Superior Court Clerk, Dr. W. G. Curtis; Register of Deeds, John W. Galloway; Surveyor, Peter L. Sellers; Coroner, D. L. Butler; County Commissioners, Jos. Green, Wesley Hodge, Thos. G. Drew, Jno. L. Wescott, Daniel K. Burnett.

There was great enthusiasm manifested. Hon. Thos. C. Fuller addressed the meeting in a stirring and effective address. Speeches were also made by Messrs. J. W. Wright, of New Hanover, and Swift Galloway, of Brunswick. The nominees for the Senate and House of Representatives being present, accepted the nominations and addressed their fellow-citizens.

THE MEETING IN SMITHVILLE—BRUNSWICK.

The county canvassers are at work and effective service in the great work meetings are being held at the various precincts, and at each meeting a Conservative speaker is present to point out the danger with which the people are environed.

Judge Barnes presided at our court yesterday, and the prisoner was successfully defended by Col. Robert Strang and J. Willis and F. George, Esqs., the jury returning a verdict of "not guilty"—at which I imagine the prisoner was very well satisfied. The evidence in this case was altogether circumstantial and the State could not satisfy the jury, beyond reasonable doubt, that the prisoner was guilty.

The enumeration of the events that have transpired warrant me in saying at closing, as I did in opening, that the week just closed has been an exciting one in Bladen. ELIZABETH TOWN.

FOR THE JOURNAL.

AN EXCITING WEEK IN BLADEN.

Messrs. Editors.—This week, just over, has been characterized by events of interest and importance. It had been previously advertised that our county nominating Convention would be held on Monday, and a larger and more enthusiastic gathering of the people of Bladen was never known. After the preliminary business had been arranged, the meeting was addressed by Colonels McKoy, of Sampson, Allen, of Brunswick, and Richardson, of Bladen. These gentlemen—natural orators—held the audience spell-bound for over two hours, and gave to the people timely warning and wholesome advice, pointing out clearly and forcibly the untold evils and calamities that must befall them in the event of the ratification of the infamous Radical-scamlaw Constitution. While this was going on in the Court House, one Hood—(negro)—had commenced a harangue to the colored people outside, which consisted altogether in an appeal to their passions and prejudices, and which was merely gotten up for the purpose of drawing the negroes off from us and to keep them from hearing, and as a consequence, benefited by the good advice which they would have heard from the above named gentlemen.

Some of the blacks did hear the speech of Col. Richardson, and their repeated cheers was an evidence of their unqualified approval of what he said. It was announced at the door of the Court House on Wednesday, that the Hon. T. C. Fuller would address the citizens of Bladen, and in less than ten minutes after the announcement, the Court House was literally packed with impatient waiters to hear Mr. Fuller.

He was introduced to the audience by Mr. Thomas H. Sutton in a brief manner, at the conclusion of which introduction the loud and vociferous cheers of the people brought Mr. Fuller to his feet. In a speech of about two hours length Mr. F. covered the whole ground, presenting forcibly the vital issues before the people, exposing the dishonesty of the Reconstruction acts, and pointing out the disgrace and degradation which our people would bring upon themselves, by a ready and voluntary submission to the new and unconstitutional system of government and military rule. The satisfaction his remarks gave, and the approbation of them by his hearers, was manifested by the frequent and rapturous bursts of applause with which he was greeted.

As an evidence of the determination of the people of Bladen to roll a good and handsome majority against the vile thing called a Constitution, at the next election, I will give you the resolutions as submitted by the Committee and as adopted by our County Convention on Monday:

Resolved, That the action of the State Conservative Convention, in selecting candidates to vote in the coming election, is a good and wise one, and that the people of this county, in the great struggle being made all over the State to throw off the burden of "Radical rule" which threatens a subversion of our free government, should stand by the side of the Convention, and in a short time reduce us to the most abject condition of servitude and degradation; and that the action of the State Conservative Convention, in selecting candidates to vote in the coming election, is a good and wise one, and that the people of this county, in the great struggle being made all over the State to throw off the burden of "Radical rule" which threatens a subversion of our free government, should stand by the side of the Convention, and in a short time reduce us to the most abject condition of servitude and degradation; and that the action of the State Conservative Convention, in selecting candidates to vote in the coming election, is a good and wise one, and that the people of this county, in the great struggle being made all over the State to throw off the burden of "Radical rule" which threatens a subversion of our free government, should stand by the side of the Convention, and in a short time reduce us to the most abject condition of servitude and degradation; 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